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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of TOSHIO MORITA, RYUJI YAMAMOTO, TOMOYOSHI  
HIGASHI and KATSUYUKI TSUJI  
FINE CARBON FIBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME  
**Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.**  
Our Ref: Q79556

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/231,290 (Confirmation No.4402) filed August 30, 2002 of Toshio MORITA, Ryuji YAMAMOTO, Tomoyoshi HIGASHI and Katsuyuki TSUJI entitled FINE CARBON FIBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/316,985 filed September 5, 2001.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract (19 pages), 4 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1774.

Priority and benefit are claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P2001-264052	August 31, 2001
U.S. Provisional	60/316,985	September 5, 2001

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 10/231,290.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>7</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
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**TOTAL FILING FEE****\$770.00**



A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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